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Rapper Eminem Holds On To Top Spot

The Marshall Mathers LP sells 600,000 more copies, while Britney comes in at #2.
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Rapper **Eminem**'s legal problems

thickened last week, but it didn't hurt his album sales.

The Marshall Mathers LP will remain in the #1 spot on the

Billboard 200 albums chart for the third week in a row this week, having sold nearly 600,000 copies, according to SoundScan data released on Wednesday (June 14). That brings his total sales for the LP past 3 million copies. *Mathers* follows last year's *The Slim Shady LP* and features the hit "The Real Slim Shady" (

HREF="http://media.addict.com/music/Eminem/The_Real_Slim_Shady.ram">RealAudio excerpt).

Eminem faces four criminal charges after he was arrested twice in a

period of about nine hours during the weekend of June 3–4. In the

first incident, police said the rapper pulled out a gun during an

altercation with an associate of rival rappers the

color="#003163">Insane Clown Posse in Royal Oak, Mich., on

June 3. Eminem spoofs Insane Clown Posse on the new album. Early the

following morning, Eminem allegedly clubbed a man in the head with an

unloaded gun outside a Warren, Mich., bar.

Much of the top 10 will see little movement, with pop princess

COLOR="#003163">Britney Spears trading positions with

rap-rocker **Kid Rock**, moving from #3

to #2.

Spears' *Oops! ... I Did It Again,* which features the hit title

track (RealAudio excerpt), moved about 370,000 copies. The LP follows the singer's smash 1999 debut, *... Baby One More Time.*

Kid Rock's retrospective LP *The History of Rock* includes the new

tracks "American Badass" (RealAudio excerpt) and "F--- That."

Rounding out the top 10, in order, will be ***NSync**'s *No Strings Attached,* **Matchbox Twenty**'s *Mad Season by Matchbox Twenty,* **Creed**'s *Human Clay,* the "Mission: Impossible 2" soundtrack, **Santana**'s *Supernatural,* **Sisqó**'s *Unleash the Dragon* and **Joe**'s *My Name Is Joe.*

Country-rocker **Steve Earle** will

score the week's highest debut with *Transcendental Blues,*

entering at #66. Other debuts include chamber-pop band

color="#003163">Belle and Sebastian's *Fold Your Hands*

Child, You Walk Like a Peasant at #80, R&B group

color="#003163">Ideal's self-titled debut at #96 and

shock-rocker **Alice Cooper**'s

Brutal Planet at #193.

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